Mr. Nyland died on Monday morning, September 29, 1975 at 4:27 a.m. On Wednesday morning his body was brought to the Barn in a closed casket.

Mr. George Nishimura spoke:

This morning we are gathered here to say goodbye to Willem A. Nyland. We will all miss him, but he is living in all of our hearts. We will always find him there, whenever we work upon ourselves. For this, we are eternally grateful. He will always be near us and with us, ever present. We should all think of him, every day, especially for the next 40 days, and send him our love and gratitude, for all that he has given to us. On behalf of all of us, may I extend our thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Nyland, his son Eric, and his daughter Carola, and to the rest of his family, and to thank them for letting us share Mr. Nyland with them for all these many years. I know that we can all continue to work together, and find the kingdom of Heaven within, as he so deeply wished for all of us. And now I would like to read a few of Mr. Nyland's own words.

(M1547 pp 12-13) What is the thought and the feeling regarding God? Only that it gives you a responsibility, to meet Him in time endless, and a realization that that what is within one, if one dares to go inside and not to falter and not to be afraid, and not to lose faith when nothing else seems to be around, and if you have to continue and continue regardless of whatever the cost is, at your expense of course, and at your loss of course, you lose everything, to find that is what your life is. You lose yourself to find God...

One can learn how to pray. One can learn how to be quiet. One can learn what this silence means, and what kind of language it has, but one cannot tell, because the language is not as yet an open book, and that what I need for this is not even my emotions. My emotions open the road to Heaven; what I need is my Soul. My Soul can read in Heaven and need not have any feeling

of ever being destroyed, because that I must make as a concept of what I think my Soul ought to be, because my Soul, for me, is the image in which I wish to grow, and to become so that then that becomes for me the means of uniting with God.

(M1693 p.13) It will be necessary to understand, that your death will lead you to a different place of existence in which a choice is made. Sometimes for you, sometimes by you, to know what still has to be done for the Glory of the Lord. We live our Karma and overcome it by the Grace of God. And we wish to accomplish it for the Glory of His Endlessness.

Mr. Nyland's organ music, tape 1619, was played.

He was buried in a family plot at the Milltown Road Cemetery in Brewster, N.Y.

Dr. William Welch, a long time personal friend and his attending physician, spoke as follows:

When a man of substance dies, the sympathy goes to those who remain behind. It could be said that Wim devoted more than 50 years of his life to erasing the quotation marks from around the word "man."

Wim was about the age of many of you when he met Gurdjieff. I know of no way to talk about such a radical event as death except to read what Gurdjieff himself had to say about it.

(A&E-From the Author, pp.1231-33) The foresight of Just Mother Nature consists in the given case in this, that the possibility is given to us, in certain inner and outer conditions, to cross over from one stream into the other.

The expression which has reached us from ancient times, "the first liberation of man", refers to just this possibility of crossing from the stream which is predestined to disappear into the nether regions into the stream which empties itself into the vast spaces of the boundless ocean.

To cross into the other stream is not so easy - merely to wish and you cross.

For this, it is first of all necessary consciously to crystallize in yourselves data for engendering in your common presences a constant unquenchable impulse of desire for such a crossing, and then, afterwards, a long corresponding preparation.

For this crossing it is necessary first of all to renounce all the what seem to you "blessings" - but which are, in reality, automatically and slavishly acquired habits - present in this stream of life.

In other words, it is necessary to become dead to what has become for you your ordinary life.

It is just this death that is spoken of in all religions.

It is defined in the saying which has reached us from remote antiquity, "Without death no resurrection," that is to say, "If you do not die you will not be resurrected."

The death referred to is not the death of the body, since for such a death there is no need of resurrection.

For if there is a soul, and moreover, an immortal soul, it can dispense with a resurrection of the body.

Nor is the necessity of resurrection our appearance before the awful Judgment of the Lord God, as we have been taught by the Fathers of the Church.

No! Even Jesus Christ and all the other prophets sent from Above spoke of the death which might occur even during life, that is to say, of the death of that "Tyrant" from whom proceeds our slavery in this life and solely from the liberation from which depends the first chief liberation of man. * * *

Near his home in Brewster was a stone he often sat upon. It has been engraved and placed at the head of his grave.